

METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY — ARMADALE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**445. MR N.W. MORTON to the Minister for Planning:**

Before I ask my question, I acknowledge the students and teachers from Kingston Primary School, in Australind, in the member for Murray–Wellington's electorate.

Could the minister please provide the house with an update on the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority's Armadale redevelopment project and the measures the state government has taken in the recent budget to progress this very important work?

**Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:**

I thank the member for the question. No doubt, all members would agree that Armadale is a very important strategic regional centre in the metropolitan area and that there has been a large amount of growth in residential, commercial and industrial development in the Armadale region and the south east metropolitan area. In recent times there has been a lot of growth and a range of new facilities have been provided by the private sector and the state government. The recently released sub-regional planning framework for the south metropolitan and Peel regions proposes a replacement TAFE facility in Armadale. That is recognised as a need. I note that a couple of months ago the government allocated \$9.4 million to improve the high schools in the Armadale area to provide improved educational facilities.

The MRA has an important role in the growth and development of the Armadale district. There is a draft structure plan for the city centre west precinct, which covers 10 hectares of land adjacent to the Armadale train station. This plan provides a vision for new homes for around 2 000 new residents who will take advantage of the high level of services close to the Armadale CBD and of course the train line. Structure planning in the area is supported by \$2 million allocated in this year's budget for the purpose of designing and constructing road and drainage infrastructure, including public open spaces that will assist in the development of transport-oriented residential developments. This investment will see private sector investment follow, as developers undertake the development of housing. This is in addition to the private sector investment of more than \$470 million we have seen in Armadale in recent years. An allocation of \$1.6 million to design and construct road infrastructure and public open space in the Champion Drive area will complement the Department of Housing's residential development. This year's budget allocates \$25.6 million for further development in Forrestdale Business Park west. That development is leading to additional employment opportunities and economic development in the Armadale district. An example of the benefit of that investment is the decision by Hitachi Construction Machinery Australia to invest \$100 million to develop a 100 000 square metre site at Forrestdale Business Park west, which will provide work for about 350 employees and is expected to be completed early next year.